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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [REDACTED]
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee (TTIC)

1. When we spoke last week, you asked for my assessment of whether the TTIC should be moved to the IC Staff. Earlier I discussed this subject with the Chairman, [REDACTED] the Executive Secretary, [REDACTED] and others. Although I agree with [REDACTED] that TTIC is not a classic DDI production committee, like WSSIC, STIC, etc., I am afraid that transferring it to the IC Staff is fraught with more political and bureaucratic problems than can be overcome easily. If it were clear that the merits of the case warranted superhuman efforts to move the Committee, I would recommend that we try; but, in my view, it is a toss-up.

2. Let me outline for you the problems that we would have:

o TTIC has [REDACTED] positions currently assigned, and anticipates needing [REDACTED] Congressional action on our ceiling makes it impossible for me to devote [REDACTED] positions to TTIC from our current allotment. At this point, I could not even find [REDACTED] positions that I would be willing to allocate to TTIC. [REDACTED] anticipates using non-reimbursables for some of the slots. The IC Staff cannot legally use non-reimbursables assigned for a year or more.

o Even movement of the [REDACTED] existing positions is, in my view, nearly impossible. We would need Congressional authorization to increase the IC Staff's ceiling by those [REDACTED] positions. I do not think the case for moving TTIC is strong enough to warrant the effort required to convince the Congress that it would be necessary. The oversight committees are already doubtful about the agglomeration of IC Staff responsibilities.

o [REDACTED] because of his other responsibilities, would prefer to remain a part of the DDI. None of the committees that come under the IC Staff has a chairman assigned elsewhere. It is, in my opinion, difficult enough to provide appropriate guidance and management to committees when the chairman reports to me. Having the chairman working elsewhere adds an unnecessary problem.

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o According to [] the staff is scheduled to move to the Ames Building later this year. They are now located at the Key Building. Ours is a small staff and already too dispersed for my liking. Adding another group at another location will make management even more difficult. TTIC does not have a natural home in one of the IC Staff offices; thus, it is unlikely to receive the guidance from me or any of the Office Directors that it should properly have.

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o The considerable overtime and additional positions that [] believes are required are more easily absorbed into a large organization like the DDI than into a small, closely scrutinized one like the IC Staff.

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3. I will be glad to discuss this subject with you, but as you can see I think the potential problems associated with a move at this time far outweigh the benefits to the DCI, to TTIC or to the IC Staff.

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cc: Chairman, TTIC

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RE TTIC AND ITS STAFF

The Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee was formed by the DCI in December 1981. The DCI Directive is attached at #1. TTIC is to serve as the focal point within the Intelligence Community on all technology transfer issues. It is the principal source of intelligence support for those US Government entities charged with the responsibility for policy and action on technology transfer issues. The wide range of its functions and activities is suggested by the last monthly Highlights Report--attached at 2. While TTIC is involved in the orchestration and management of the production of interagency intelligence papers regarding technology transfer (such as the IIM currently with the DCI), much of the work of the Committee centers on the provision of coordinated intelligence opinions regarding prospective people exchanges and commodity exports. It is in the business of helping the policy agencies to prevent the unwanted transfer of technology.

At present, TTIC has two subcommittees: the Committee on Exchanges (COMEX has been in business since the mid-50's; it is concerned with foreign communist visitors to the US); and the Committee on Export Control (EXCON is a new mechanism that deals with US export licenses, suspected trade diversions, and the like). Each of these subcommittees, like TTIC itself, meets monthly. Each subcommittee has a working group that meets more frequently. In addition, TTIC itself has several working groups (on collection guidance, data bases, the DCID 1/2 Objectives and Priorities, on intelligence community support for the enforcement community, and re the production of the IIM). The latter WG is about to go out of existence; the others are all active.

The COMEX staff was absorbed into the TTIC structure and made the TTIC staff. [] is the TTIC Executive Secretary and directs the staff of about [] persons. Staff persons come from the CIA/DDI, CIA/DDO, FBI, Customs, and soon from DoD. There are several unreimbursable detailees and several part-time persons. Not counting these, [] slots/positions are required; only [] currently are assigned to TTIC (the others have been requested in the FY 84 Program). The staff situation is described at #3.

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The staff is "scheduled" to move to the Ames Building late in CY 1982 (they are now in Key building). There are various other support needs, as described at #4. There is considerable overtime involved in "loading" the COMEX ADP System; this currently is absorbed by the several CIA Directorates.